GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PRICE RISE OF ONIONS
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any effective steps to control the price rise of Onions in the domestic market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its effect on the consumers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTIRBUTION

(SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Government has maintained a close watch on the prices and availability of onion in the country and imposed quantitative restrictions on its export. The permission for export were granted after assessing the production prospects of each crop and also taking into account the interests of both farmers and the consumers. During the last one year, the prices of onion, by and large, have remained at reasonable levels in the country.